

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-7, 10, 15, 16, and 20 as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising donation engine which is configured to facilitate:

providing access to a plurality of government approved charities;

searching for at least one of said charities; ~~and~~

receiving, from an employee of an employer, donation information including recurring billing information, donor information, ~~and a donation amount, and a charity to donate to;~~

receiving data from the employee indicating that the employer:

a) will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount; and

b) should be granted access rights to verify the donation information;

verifying the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:

a) confirming a payment from the employee for the donation amount was processed; and

b) verifying that the charity selected by the employee is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third-party database of government approved charities;

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching gift matching forms specific to the employer;

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity selected by the employee;

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information; and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and

activating, after the verifying, a gift matching payment on behalf of the employer.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~engine~~ method of claim 1 wherein said donation engine is located in an online environment.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~engine~~ method of claim 1 wherein said donation information further includes loyalty point donation information.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~engine~~ method of claim 1 wherein said donation information further includes gift matching information.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~engine~~ method of claim 1, wherein said providing access to a plurality of government approved charities includes providing access to all government approved 501(c) charities.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~engine~~ method of claim 1, wherein said providing access to a plurality of government approved charities includes providing access to all government approved 501(c) charities via a donation portal.

7. (Currently Amended) A donation method, said method comprising:

accessing an online donation portal, wherein said donation portal is configured to provide access to a plurality of government approved charities;

searching for at least one of said charities using a search function of said donation portal;

and,

entering, from an employee of an employer, donation information into said donation portal, wherein donation information includes recurring billing information, donor information, ~~and~~ a donation amount, and a charity to donate to;

receiving data from the employee indicating that the employer:

a) will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount; and

b) should be granted access rights to verify the donation information;

verifying the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:

a) confirming a payment from the employee for the donation amount was

processed; and

b) verifying that the charity selected by the employee is a government approved

charity by, at least, searching at least one of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a

third-party database of government approved charities;

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching gift matching forms specific to the employer;

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity selected

by the employee;

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information; and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and
activating, after the verifying, a gift matching payment on behalf of the employer.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said donation information further includes loyalty point donation information.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said donation information further includes gift matching information.

10. (Currently Amended) A donation method, said method comprising:
accessing at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities;
receiving donation information from an employee of an employer ~~for at least one of said~~
~~charities~~, wherein the donation information includes loyalty point information, donor
information, ~~and a donation amount, and a charity to donate to; and verifying said loyalty point~~
~~information.~~

receiving data from the employee indicating that the employer:

a) will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount; and

b) should be granted access rights to verify the donation information;

verifying the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:

a) confirming a payment from the employee for the donation amount was
processed; and

b) verifying that the charity selected by the employee is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third-party database of government approved charities;

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching gift matching forms specific to the employer;

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity selected by the employee;

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information; and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and
activating, after the verifying, a gift matching payment on behalf of the employer.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein said receiving donation information further includes receiving recurring billing information.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein said receiving donation information further includes receiving gift matching information.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said accessing at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities includes accessing at least one of all government approved 501(c) charities.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said accessing at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities includes accessing at least one of all government approved 501(c) charities via a donation portal.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising, wherein verifying the loyalty point information ~~includes~~ by communicating with at least one third party, said third party including at least one of a financial institution, a charity, a loyalty point issuer, and a government entity authorized to approve charities.

16. (Currently Amended) An online donation method, said method comprising:
accessing at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities;
receiving donation information from an employee of an employer ~~for at least one of said charities~~, wherein said donation information includes gift matching information, donor information, ~~and a donation amount, and a charity to donate to; and verifying said gift matching information.~~

receiving data from the employee indicating that the employer:
a) will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount; and
b) should be granted access rights to verify the donation information;
verifying the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:
a) confirming a payment from the employee for the donation amount was
processed; and

b) verifying that the charity selected by the employee is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third-party database of government approved charities;

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching gift matching forms specific to the employer;

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity selected by the employee;

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information; and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and
activating, after the verifying, a gift matching payment on behalf of the employer.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein said donation information includes loyalty point donation information.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein said donation information further includes recurring billing information.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein accessing includes providing at least one of listing capabilities, searching capabilities and selecting capabilities.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 further comprising, wherein verifying the gift matching information includes by communicating with at least one third party, said third

party including at least one of an employer, a financial institution, and the Internal Revenue Service.